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SUBJECT: AHRAM COMMENTS ON SHEEHAN ARTICLE

1. AHRAM CARRIES FRONT-PAGE ITEM MARCH 11 ALLEGING CONSTERNATION IN DEPARTMENT CAUSED BY FOREIGN POLICY ARTICLE BY EDWARD SHEEHAN. REPORT, FROM AFP IN WASHINGTON, STATES THAT MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN IN DEPARTMENT TO COUNTER LEAKS TO JOURNALISTS. ARTICLE ALSO MENTIONS STATEMENT BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN FUNSETH DENYING WASHINGTON POST STORY THAT MATERIALS FOR SHEEHAN ARTICLE LEAKED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON ON ORDERS FROM SECRETARY.

2. COMMENT: SHORT AHRAM STORY MAKES NO MENTION OF CONTENT OF SHEEHAN ARTICLE OTHER THAN TO NOTE THAT IT DEALT WITH ME NEGOTIATIONS BY SECRETARY SINCE OCTOBER 1973. CAIRO JOURNALISTS HAVE BEEN REQUESTING COPIES OF SHEEHAN ARTICLE BUT OBVIOUSLY CAIRO PRESS STILL IN DARK AS TO WHAT CONTROVERSY IN ALL ABOUT. AHRAM TREATMENT OF SUBJECT VERY LOW-KEY AND WITHOUT COMMENT.
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